

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q93827

Shigenori SHIRAISHI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/572,877

Group Art Unit: 1625

Confirmation No.: 3665

Examiner: David E. GALLIS

Filed: March 22, 2006

For: METHOD FOR COLLECTING OBJECT MATERIAL FROM SOLUTION

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEWS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interviews conducted on

November 5, 2009 and January 27, 2010:

REMARKS

As an initial matter, counsel would like to thank the Examiners for the courtesies extended during the interviews.

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) for the interview conducted November 5, 2009 was attached with the Final Office Action dated November 16, 2009.

During the **interview conducted November 5, 2009**, the following was discussed:

1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: NONE
2. Identification of claims discussed: Claims 10 and 11
3. Identification of art discussed: NONE
4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: NONE

5. Brief Identification of principal arguments: The statutory period indicated in the Office Action Summary of July 17, 2009 (see, form PTOL-326) and the text of the Section 112, second paragraph rejection at page 5 of the Office Action dated July 17, 2009 (See, page 5, last paragraph)

6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: NONE

7. Results of Interview: The Examiner has agreed to vacate the final Office Action mailed July 17, 2009, and to re-issue the Office Action.

During the **interview conducted January 27, 2010**, the following was discussed:

1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: NONE
2. Identification of claims discussed: Claim 1
3. Identification of art discussed: NONE
4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: proposal to amend Claim 1 to:
(a) incorporate the subject matter of Claims 2 and 3; and (b) add the word "being" after "in a state of not."

5. Brief Identification of principal arguments: Claim 3 has been indicated to be allowable, so the proposed amendment should place the present application in condition for allowance.

6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: NONE

7. Results of Interview: The Examiners advised that the proposed amendment will place the present application in condition for allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,

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